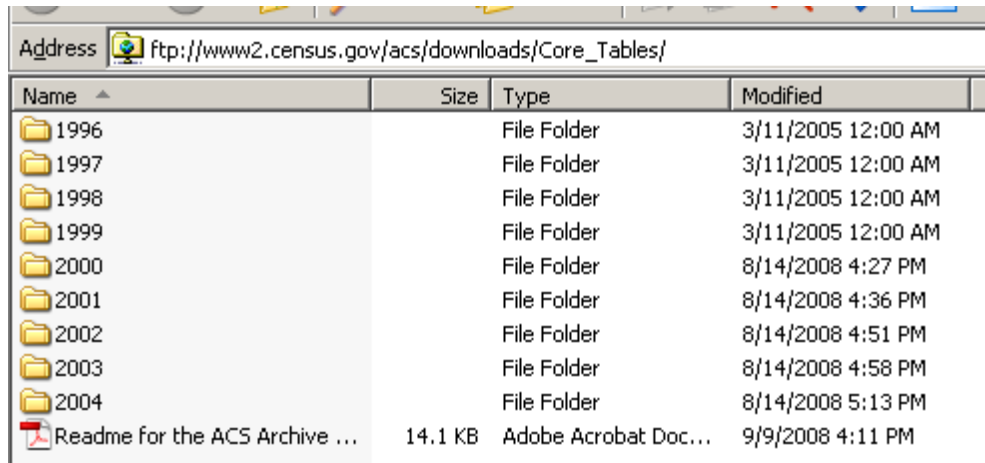


How to download and read archived FTP files, 2000-2004 ACS Data

To Download Files:

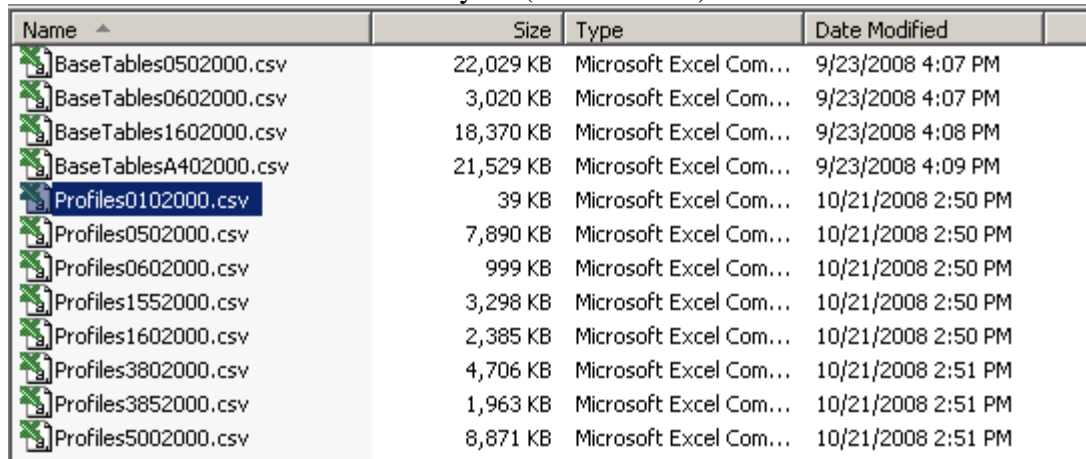
1. Go to the URL http://www2.census.gov/acs/downloads/Core_Tables/ or ftp://www2.census.gov/acs/downloads/Core_Tables/



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `ftp://www2.census.gov/acs/downloads/Core_Tables/`. Below the address bar is a table listing the contents of the directory.

Name	Size	Type	Modified
1996		File Folder	3/11/2005 12:00 AM
1997		File Folder	3/11/2005 12:00 AM
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1999		File Folder	3/11/2005 12:00 AM
2000		File Folder	8/14/2008 4:27 PM
2001		File Folder	8/14/2008 4:36 PM
2002		File Folder	8/14/2008 4:51 PM
2003		File Folder	8/14/2008 4:58 PM
2004		File Folder	8/14/2008 5:13 PM
Readme for the ACS Archive ...	14.1 KB	Adobe Acrobat Doc...	9/9/2008 4:11 PM

2. Double-click on the folder of a year (such as 2000)



The screenshot shows a table listing the files within the 2000 folder. The files are categorized into Base Tables and Profiles.

Name	Size	Type	Date Modified
BaseTables0502000.csv	22,029 KB	Microsoft Excel Com...	9/23/2008 4:07 PM
BaseTables0602000.csv	3,020 KB	Microsoft Excel Com...	9/23/2008 4:07 PM
BaseTables1602000.csv	18,370 KB	Microsoft Excel Com...	9/23/2008 4:08 PM
BaseTablesA402000.csv	21,529 KB	Microsoft Excel Com...	9/23/2008 4:09 PM
Profiles0102000.csv	39 KB	Microsoft Excel Com...	10/21/2008 2:50 PM
Profiles0502000.csv	7,890 KB	Microsoft Excel Com...	10/21/2008 2:50 PM
Profiles0602000.csv	999 KB	Microsoft Excel Com...	10/21/2008 2:50 PM
Profiles1552000.csv	3,298 KB	Microsoft Excel Com...	10/21/2008 2:50 PM
Profiles1602000.csv	2,385 KB	Microsoft Excel Com...	10/21/2008 2:50 PM
Profiles3802000.csv	4,706 KB	Microsoft Excel Com...	10/21/2008 2:51 PM
Profiles3852000.csv	1,963 KB	Microsoft Excel Com...	10/21/2008 2:51 PM
Profiles5002000.csv	8,871 KB	Microsoft Excel Com...	10/21/2008 2:51 PM

3. Right-click on a file, such as Profiles0102000.csv
4. Choose "Save target as" or "Copy to folder" option
5. Pick a place to save the file to (such as your desktop or My Documents)
6. Close the dialog box

To Read the Files:

For files with 65,536 lines or fewer, you can open them up in Microsoft Excel. This would apply to the files listed in the Appendix at the end of this document.

For those with more than 65,536 lines, you will need to use other software to read the files, such as SAS or Notepad. (If you try to open them in Excel, you will receive an error message stating that the file has not loaded completely.)

Commas separate the columns in each file (that is, they are comma-separated or “csv” files). The meaning of the columns depends on the type of file. The file layout of each of the five types is discussed in turn below.

Base Tables:

Column 1	Geographic Identifying Code – a code that the Bureau Of The Census uses to uniquely identify a place
Column 2	Geographic Name – the name of the place that is being referred to
Column 3	Table Identification Code – the number of the table (again, this is specific to the Bureau Of The Census)
Column 4	Stub – a description of the data
Column 5	Order – the order in which the line of the table appears
Column 6	CEST – estimate
Column 7	CLB – lower bound of the estimate
Column 8	CUB – upper bound of the estimate

Iterated Profiles Tables (tables that begin with “IPP”):

Column 1	Geographic Identifying Code – a code that the Bureau Of The Census uses to uniquely identify a place
Column 2	Geographic Name – the name of the place that is being referred to
Column 3	Population Group – the population that is referred to in the profile estimate
Column 4	Table Identification Code – the number of the table (again, this is specific to the Bureau Of The Census)
Column 4	Stub – a description of the data
Column 5	Order – the order in which the line of the table appears
Column 6	Total population estimate
Column 7	Total population Margin of Error
Column 8	Sub-population estimate
Column 9	Sub-population margin of error

Multi-Year Profiles Tables:

Column 1	Geographic Identifying Code – a code that the Bureau Of The Census uses to uniquely identify a place
Column 2	Geographic Name – the name of the place that is being referred to

Column 3	Table Identification Code – the number of the table (again, this is specific to the Bureau Of The Census
Column 4	Order – the order in which the line of the table appears
Column 5	Stub – a description of the data
Column 6	Total population estimate, for year on the file name (for example, if the file name is MultiYearProfile0102002.csv, then the year on the file name (2002) is the year of the estimate column 6)
Column 7	Percentage of total for the year of the estimate
Column 8	Previous year estimate
Column 9	Percentage of total for the previous year's estimate
Column 10	Percentage change from the previous year
Column 11	Level of significance of change
Column 12	Whether the change is statistically significantly different at the level indicated in Column 11

Profiles Tables:

Column 1	Geographic Identifying Code – a code that the Bureau Of The Census uses to uniquely identify a place
Column 2	Geographic Name – the name of the place that is being referred to
Column 3	Table Identification Code – the number of the table (again, this is specific to the Bureau Of The Census
Column 4	Order – the order in which the line of the table appears
Column 5	Stub – a description of the data
Column 6	CEST – estimate
Column 7	CLB – lower bound of the estimate
Column 8	CUB – upper bound of the estimate

Selected Population Profiles (Tables that begin with “SPP”):

Column 1	Geographic Identifying Code – a code that the Bureau Of The Census uses to uniquely identify a place
Column 2	Geographic Name – the name of the place that is being referred to
Column 3	Table Identification Code – the number of the table (again, this is specific to the Bureau Of The Census
Column 4	Stub – a description of the data
Column 5	Order – the order in which the line of the table appears
Column 6	Total population estimate
Column 7	Total population margin of error
Column 8	Selected Population Estimate
Column 9	Selected Population margin of error

Subject Tables (Tables that begin with “ST”):

Column 1	Geographic Identifying Code – a code that the Bureau Of The Census uses to uniquely identify a place
Column 2	Geographic Name – the name of the place that is being referred to
Column 3	Table Identification Code – the number of the table (again, this is specific to the Bureau Of The Census
Column 4	Stub – a description of the data
Column 5	Order – the order in which the line of the table appears
Columns 6-19	Estimates alternated by margins of error. A description of each estimate is in a heading, just above each table.

Appendix: List of Tables With Fewer Than 65,536 Line

BaseTables0102002.csv
BaseTables0102003.csv
BaseTables0102004.csv
BaseTables0602000.csv
BaseTables0602001.csv
BaseTables1552000.csv
BaseTables1552001.csv
IP0102004.csv
MultiYearProfiles0102002.csv
MultiYearProfiles0102003.csv
MultiYearProfiles0102004.csv
MultiYearProfiles0402002.csv
MultiYearProfiles0402003.csv
MultiYearProfiles0402004.csv
MultiYearProfiles0502002.csv
MultiYearProfiles0502003.csv
MultiYearProfiles0502004.csv
MultiYearProfiles0602003.csv
MultiYearProfiles0602004.csv
MultiYearProfiles1552002.csv
MultiYearProfiles1552003.csv
MultiYearProfiles1552004.csv
MultiYearProfiles1602002.csv
MultiYearProfiles1602003.csv
MultiYearProfiles1602004.csv
MultiYearProfiles3802002.csv
MultiYearProfiles3802003.csv
MultiYearProfiles3802004.csv
MultiYearProfiles3852002.csv
MultiYearProfiles3852003.csv
MultiYearProfiles3852004.csv
MultiYearProfilesA402002.csv
MultiYearProfilesA402003.csv
MultiYearProfilesA402004.csv
Profiles0102000.csv
Profiles0102001.csv
Profiles0102002.csv
Profiles0102003.csv
Profiles0102004.csv
Profiles0402000.csv
Profiles0402001.csv
Profiles0402002.csv
Profiles0402003.csv
Profiles0402004.csv

Profiles0602000.csv
Profiles0602001.csv
Profiles0602002.csv
Profiles0602003.csv
Profiles0602004.csv
Profiles1552000.csv
Profiles1552001.csv
Profiles1552002.csv
Profiles1552003.csv
Profiles1552004.csv
Profiles1602000.csv
Profiles1602001.csv
Profiles1602002.csv
Profiles1602003.csv
Profiles1602004.csv
Profiles3802000.csv
Profiles3802001.csv
Profiles3802002.csv
Profiles3802003.csv
Profiles3852000.csv
Profiles3852001.csv
Profiles3852002.csv
Profiles3852003.csv
Profiles3852004.csv
ProfilesA402002.csv
ProfilesA402003.csv
ProfilesA402004.csv
SPP0102004.csv
SPP0402004.csv
ST0102004.csv
ST0602004.csv
STA402004.csv